Mr. A. R. Subrahmanya Aiyar as Tahsildar.

119. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): (1) Is it a fact that Mr. A. R. Subrahmanya Aiyar was 17th in rank among the Second Grade Tahsildars ?

(2) Has he been fined Rs. 150 for official irregularities ?

(3) Is it a fact that the Dewan Peishkar of Trivandrum reported against this officer after the *Tirumasam* ceremony ?

(4) Has the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner reported against the efficiency of Mr. A. R. Subrahmanya Aiyar as Tahsildar and urged upon the Government for transferring him from Trivandrum, and, if so, how often has he done so ?

(5) Is it a fact that the Government have observed that he was unfit to be in charge of a taluk ?

(6) Is it a fact that he has been appointed as Assistant Secretary to Government, and, if so, what is the principle under which he was so appointed ?

(7) Is Mr. A. R. Subrahmanya Aiyar a native of Haripad ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) He was 15th in rank among Second Grade Tahsildars.

(2) The member is referred to the answer given to part (*a*) of interpellation No. 61 asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 8th August 1925.

(3) and (4) Communications to the Government from heads of departments and other officers relating to the conduct of their subordinates are confidential.

(5) No.

(6) Yes. The Government generally appoint to the Secretariat officers whom they deem suitable for Secretariat work.

(7) The answer is in the affirmative.

Administrative Board, Medical Services.

120. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the various reasons which weighed with them for placing the Medical Department under a Board ;

(*b*) the additional recurring expenditure on account of this innovation ; and

(*c*) who is the senior officer of the two official members of the Medical Board ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Frequent and thorough inspection of mofussil hospitals and dispensaries in such manner and under such conditions as will enable searching criticism was necessary and a correcting hand had to be applied promptly and on the spot. The Darbar Physician whose constant presence at the Capital was necessary could not find time for the study of local needs in the matter of medical relief. Besides, there was urgent necessity for extending and organising medical aid to women and children.

(*b*) The additional recurring expenditure on account of the change is only Rs. 23-16-0 per mensem or Rs. 282-24-0 per annum.

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(*c*) The members of the Administrative Board have equal rank and the question of seniority between them does not arise.

Expenditure incurred in 1101 without reference to the Legislative Council or the Finance Committee.

121. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a complete list showing the various items of expenditure, both votable and non-votable, incurred by the Government without reference to the Finance Committee or the Legislative Council during the year 1101 ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : A statement* showing the additional allotments sanctioned during 1101, under non-votable items of expenditure is laid on the table.

As regards votable items, statements of additional grants sanctioned under Section 16 (9) of the Legislative Council Regulation are being laid on the table at every meeting of the Council. A statement has been laid on the table at this session also.

Erection of a Church at Cheppad.

122. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to ascertain and state whether an attempt is being made by certain persons to erect a Christian church and cemetery in Survey No. 415 of the Cheppad *pakuthi*, Kartikapalli taluk, in contravention of the Government order prohibiting the erection ?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased, in the light of the happenings at Cheppad and other places in connection with the erection of churches and cemeteries, to cancel the provision in the Royal Proclamation on the subject which enables applicants for erection of churches and cemeteries to erect them if a reply from the Government is not received within three months of the application ?

(*c*) In view of the fact that the land in Survey No. 415, referred to in part (*a*), measures only about fourteen cents, and that the drinking water of the adjacent houses will be dangerously contaminated, if the land is used as a cemetery, will the Government be pleased to take immediate steps for prohibiting the use of that land as a cemetery ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The Government understand that the church was erected before the receipt of the Government order rejecting the application for the erection of the church with a cemetery attached to it.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

(*c*) As the applicant did not receive the G. O. rejecting the application within 90 days of the date of its presentation to the Dewan Peishkar, he was at liberty to put up the church with the cemetery attached to it after the expiry of the period. The Government are not in a position to interfere with the statutory right of the applicant now.

* *Vide* Appendix I – pages 466 to 468.

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